



Senior Adult Day

NASHVILLE — Senior adults often find themselves 'put on the shelf' while they still have years of useful service to give to the church. Southern Baptist churches will be observing the first annual Senior Adult Day on Sunday, May 6. The day will be a special opportunity for churches to recognize the valuable resources their senior adult members can contribute. (Photo by Mark Sandlin)

1979 Pastors' Conference Budgetless, Lindsay Says

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (BP) — Because of a lack of funds, none of the program personnel will receive payment for their appearance at the 1979 Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference, June 10-11, at the Houston Coliseum, according to Homer G. Lindsay Jr., conference president.

"The only expenses that are being incurred are the cost of printing the program and the rental of the coliseum, which will be defrayed by an offering at the conference," said Lindsay in response to a recent recommendation by conference vice president Cecil Chambers that the

conference make full financial disclosure.

Lindsay said he has asked John Hatch, conference secretary-treasurer, to release a full financial statement following the meeting, which precedes the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, June 12-14, at the Summit and the As-

"It's good for the pastors to know this kind of information," said Lindsay, pastor of First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Fla.

Chambers, pastor of Centerville Baptist Church, Anderson, S. C., had

Sunday School Board Buys Bible Company

By Bracey Campbell

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — The Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention has completed negotiations to purchase America's oldest Bible publisher, the Philadelphia-based A. J. Holman Division of the J. B. Lippincott Co. from Harper and Row Publishers of New York for \$2.2 million, effective May 1.

The agreement, approved by the board's executive committee, will require no funds from the SBC Cooperative Program's unified budget since the Sunday School Board's support comes entirely from the sale of literature and other materials, a board spokesman said.

Sunday School Board President Grady Cothen said, "I consider that this is a very important action in behalf of Southern Baptists, the nation's largest evangelical body. We have been known around the world as a people of the Book."

"It is my dream that the Sunday School Board will become the nation's largest denominational distributor of Scripture. We believe this is in keeping with the faith of our people and the mission of our board."

Cothen said the course of action to purchase an already established Bible publishing agency was taken because of the great difficulty of developing a new line. "This purchase also dra-

cally telescopes the time line needed to develop a new Bible publishing line."

He said the financial arrangement in the purchase of the Philadelphia firm is "extraordinarily favorable to the Sunday School Board since the sale of existing stock and the stock in process

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Woman's Seminars Set In Four Cities

Four "Woman's Seminars" will take place in May in four Mississippi cities: Oxford, Clarksdale, Winona, and Tupelo.

The seminars will offer guidelines for a woman's use of time, establishing priorities, setting goals, and communication.

Guest speakers for the four sessions will be Sarah (Mrs. Howard) Taylor of Greenville, and Ethel McKeithen, Baptist Women Director, Mississippi Women's Missionary Union.

There will be day and night sessions at each place. The day session will be 10 a.m.-2 p.m. And the evening sessions will run from 6:30 p.m.-9 p.m.

Dates and places are May 17 at First Baptist Church, Oxford; May 21 at

dent Jimmy Allen of San Antonio, Texas who received a personal call from Carter to inform him of Vins' release, responded with a telegram to Southern Baptist state executive secretaries and state convention presidents urging a prayer of thanksgiving on Sunday, May 12, for Vins release.

"President Carter called Friday afternoon (April 27) to rejoice with us that through his tough negotiations for months, our brother in Christ, pastor Georgi Vins, and his family have been released from the Soviet Union. The prayers of our people have been answered. I suggest you call Baptists of your state to a day of thanksgiving and intercession, Sunday, May 12. Let us pray for Christians under oppression around the world and thank God for the freedom of Pastor Vins."

The state department said Monday that the Soviet government has authorized all families involved to leave the country. Final travel arrangements had not yet been confirmed.

On the Sunday after he arrived in

New York, Vins, secretary of the dissident Council of Churches of Evangelical Christians — Baptists in the Soviet Union, a group of about 100,000 who broke away from the officially sanctioned All-Union Council of Evangelical Christians - Baptists, attended church and Sunday school at Carter's church in Washington. Also in Washington Baptist World Alliance executive director Robert Denny said,

"We rejoice in the release of Georgi Vins and all of the prisoners of conscience. Repeatedly since Pastor Vins was arrested in 1974, the BWA, the European Baptist Federation and the All-Union Member Body in the USSR have interceded with Soviet officials in Moscow on behalf of Mr. Vins and an uncounted number of other Baptists in Soviet jails. The BWA is ever conscious of the restrictions under which many of our Baptist people work for their faith in many parts of the world. We daily pray for them in their witness under difficult circumstances."

At a New York news conference

after his release, at which Elias Golonka, Southern Baptist missionary to the United Nations, served as his translator, Vins said, "I thank my Lord that I am free. I thank President Carter, the American Congress and all the Christians in the United States — and all the people of good will who have been interceding for the persecuted Christians in the Soviet Union."

First Book

Then Vins paused, smiled and added: "I was delighted that the first book I saw in this hotel in New York was the Bible. For five years I was deprived of this Book. There is no Book that I cherish more."

The background news release from the White House described Vins as "one of the leaders of a grassroots movement among Baptists in the USSR which accused the officially sanctioned All-Union Council of Evangelical Christians - Baptists of 'submitting to an atheist government'

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Baptists Fly Aid To Uganda

NAIROBI, Kenya (BP) — Southern Baptist missionaries are helping to deliver a plane load of medical supplies to Uganda as a first step toward assisting in rehabilitation of the battle-torn country.

Child Care

Planned For SBC Sessions

HOUSTON, Texas (BP) — Preschool child care will be provided at South Main Baptist Church for out-of-town messengers only during the general sessions of the Southern Baptist Convention, June 12-14, in Houston.

At a cost of \$5 per child per session payable at the time of registration, children born in 1973 or later may be registered for care while parents attend the morning, afternoon and evening sessions of the SBC on Tuesday,

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flight to Entebbe. Carroll, Rice, MAP representatives Raymond Knighton and Dick Senzig, and the Ugandan delegation had flown to Entebbe earlier, but returned without landing when airport lights failed to operate and the plane lost radio contact with the control tower.

The Ugandan delegation had been in Nairobi for talks with the Kenyan government about aid to their country.

Carroll said the shipment includes four jerry cans of gasoline. They hope to use the gasoline in government vehicles to deliver the first shipment of medicines to Mengo Hospital, the Church of Uganda's hospital in Kampala.

Carroll said more than five tons of supplies from MAP had already arrived in Nairobi. The Rices worked in Nairobi with the organization which clears MAP shipments through customs to obtain clearance for 72 cases of medicine averaging 150 pounds each.

Carroll said he was given "every assurance of an absolute green light" in continuing Baptist work in Uganda by government ministers on an earlier

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"Thanks For The Sunshine"

A book entitled "Why Me God?" and a muddy houseplant dry in the front yard of a Jackson home that was flooded recently. Jean Hastings, the resident, stoops over discarded parquet flooring to pick up household items. Jean and Ray, her husband, said they've seen "a pulling together that's very evident," among neighbors. Too tired for many emotions, Jean says that in her prayers to God, "I thanked Him a lot for the sunshine." The Hastings, who are Baptists, have had the benefit of the love of Christian friends who have helped with the clean-up labors. Many Mississippians have not experienced Christian love — these are the people who need ministry. Though much of the clean-up is past, the rebuilding of homes and lives is just beginning. Mississippi Baptists have Good News to tell and it can perhaps best be told through a combination of words and deeds. The work won't be over for a long time.

Music Conference To Meet At Houston

HOUSTON, Texas (BP) — An imposing array of musicians and speakers will be featured at the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Church Music Conference, June 10-11 in Houston.

The conference, which will open at Tallowood Baptist Church and hold its closing session on Monday evening, June 11, at First Baptist Church, is one of a series of meetings surrounding the Southern Baptist Convention, June 12-14, in Houston.

Speakers include Russell Dilday, president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, who will deliver four addresses keynoting Bold Mission Thrust, the Southern Baptist Convention's goal of proclaiming Christ to the entire world in this century.

The opening session, which begins at 7:15 p.m., June 10, features an array of mini concerts by choirs and musical groups and culminates in the premiere of an anthem commissioned by the Southern Baptist Church Music Conference for the 1979 meeting.

The anthem, "O Give Thanks Unto the Lord," was written by Milburn Price, chairman of the church music department, Furman University, Greenville, S. C., and will be performed by the A Cappella Choir of Howard Payne University, Brownwood, Texas.

Other speakers and business will be interspersed between mini-concerts

by a number of artists and musical groups.

James C. McKinney, music conference president and dean of the school of church music at Southwestern Seminary, will deliver his president's address. William R. O'Brien, secretary for denominational coordination, Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va., will speak on "A Manifesto of Praise: The Arts in Missions."

Monday morning, June 11, will include special sessions for the members of the Church Music Conference's local church, denominational and music educators divisions. Special interest sessions in the afternoon include a variety of program personnel leading conferences on what is new in music missions, worship resources, handbells and multi-media.

The denominational division includes an address on "The Denomination Caught in the Energy Squeeze," by Gwenn McCormick, director, department of church building planning, Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Raleigh.

Musical groups and artists include youth choir, Istrouma Baptist Church, Baton Rouge, La.; church choir, First Baptist Church, Shawnee, Okla.; A Cappella Choir, Harold Payne University, Brownwood, Texas; chapel bells, First Baptist Church, Starkville, Miss.; chapel ensemble of sanctuary choir, First Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn.; church choir, Chinese Baptist Church, Houston; The Alabama Singing Men; The Singing Men, Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, Ark.; The 1979 Texas Baptist All-State Band; The Singing Men of Texas; Jeri Graham, assistant professor of voice, Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee; James W. Good, professor of church music, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C.; Harold Jones, instructor in church music, Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif.; and Jack Coldiron, associate professor of voice, Southwestern Seminary, who will lead congregational worship throughout the conference.

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Disaster Unit Receives Relief Money

The American Dairy Queen Association has presented a check for \$3,000 to Mississippi Baptists for use in the disaster unit ministry. Wayne Hughes, owner of the Dairy Queen on Terry Road, left, delivered the check to Jimmie Smith, center, one of the members of the Task Force working with the disaster unit. At right is David Myers, director of Christian Social Ministries for Hinds-Madison Association. Hughes' brother, Robert, owns two Dairy Queens in Jackson, including the one on High Street which was flooded. J. T. Ray, brother-in-law to the Hughes brothers, and Ted King, are also Jackson Dairy Queen owners. All of the owners are members of the Alta Woods Church, Jackson, where Jimmie Smith is activities director.

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down last week. And the church is restocking pantries and providing bathroom items, linens and some toys to the public.

Some Mennonite cleanup crews worked under Rowell's supervision for several days last week. And Charles Kealhofer, a member of McDowell Road Baptist Church, a fertilizer distributor, was carrying a crew around northeast Jackson disinfecting people's homes, only asking the people to provide the disinfectant.

Len Turner, pastor of Colonial Heights church said that even though the church is in a building campaign, "we really don't plan on curtailing it right now." Turner whose own home was flooded said his greatest ministry was still ahead — in the counseling needs which haven't arisen yet.

Don Goodwin, of Alexandria, Va., a Red Cross volunteer working in Jackson as a volunteer agency coordinator during the flooding aftermath, agrees that Baptists' ministry in counseling is several months away, "after we're gone," when people get into the depression stage.

Most are too tired to be depressed. But soon, when things slow down and people have time to think, they will need to know that they have not been forgotten. Baptists can perform their greatest service then, as they are doing now, in helping people in the name of Christ.

Directors Of Missions To Gather In Houston

HOUSTON, Texas (BP) — Southern Baptist directors of missions will hear addresses by a seminary president, marriage enrichment experts and a social services director at their annual meeting, June 10-11.

The 18th annual Southern Baptist Conference of Directors of Missions at the Ramada Inn West, 7787 Katy Freeway, is one of several satellite events around the Southern Baptist Convention sessions in Houston June 12-14 at the Summit.

Directors may select two of four special interest conferences during the two-day meeting. Conferences will feature rural-urban ministries, by James Nelson, social services director of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta; Christian social ministries, Ed Onley, director of church and community ministries, Capital Baptist Association of Oklahoma City; pioneer ministries, Bill Peters, director of missions, Northwest Baptist Convention, Portland, Ore.; communications/news media,

John Earl Seelig, vice president for administrative affairs, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas.

Other program features include a closing address by William Pinson, president of the Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif., and presentations by Dr. and Mrs. John Drakeford on their ministry in marriage enrichment seminars. He is professor of psychology of religion and counseling at Southwestern Seminary.

J. Thurman George, pastor of Foxworth Baptist Church, San Jose, Calif., will bring an inspirational message at the close of the first day's session, and Mrs. Len Sehested of Fort Worth, Texas, will lead a conference for women during the special conferences on June 11.

Directors of Missions officers include Herman E. Wooten, Orange, Calif., president; and Eddie Gilstrap, Atlanta, Ga., president-elect. Wilson Brumley, Houston, is the host director.

Pastor's Conference Vows Encouragement

HOUSTON (BP) — The Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference, criticized last year as "negative," promises to "encourage the pastor" when it meets at the Houston Coliseum June 10-11.

The conference is among a number of pre and post convention meetings surrounding the annual Southern Baptist Convention national sessions at a separate location in Houston, the Summit, June 12-14.

Musical highlights include a concert by the popular Bill and Gloria Gaither, Alexandria, Ind., and specials by the Cruse Family, Jacksonville, Texas; Jeanne Rogers, First Southern Baptist Church, Del City, Okla.; and gospel singer Jack Price, Garland, Texas, who also will lead the congregational singing; and the 190-member orchestra and choir of First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Fla.

Sermons by Adrian Rogers, Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis; W. A. Criswell, First Baptist Church, Dallas; and James Robison, evangelist, Hurst, anchor the opening session June 10.

Aid To Uganda

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Amin's troops in the eastern part of Uganda. They decided to deliver at least one shipment of medical supplies by air until that part of the country could be secured.

Carroll, a West Virginian, and Rice, reared in Florida and Virginia, plan to return to Nairobi as soon as they deliver the medical supplies.

Other music includes the choir from First Baptist Church, Orlando, Fla.; Lonnie Parsons, a layman from San Antonio, Texas; Claude Rhea, head of the Samford University music department, Birmingham, Ala.; and "Sonshine," from the First Baptist Church youth choir, Jacksonville, Fla.

Baptist Vins Released

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and of discouraging evangelism." The decision of Christians in the Soviet Union has been difficult, observers have noted, in determining how to relate to the government. Some of the "Initiativniki" or dissident Baptists

Child Care

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June 12; the morning and evening sessions, Wednesday June 13; and the morning, afternoon and evening sessions, Thursday, June 14. There is no afternoon session on June 13.

The church is at 4100 South Main St., Houston, Texas 77002. Telephone is 713-529-4167.

Children will be cared for under the following guidelines: Childcare facilities will open one hour before opening of each session and close 30 minutes after the session; an additional \$5 will be charged for children picked up late; no food service will be available; children will be registered by parents and picked up by parents and will be checked in by a registered nurse at the beginning of each session; in case of emergency, the SBC First Aid Committee will be contacted and parents notified.

have chosen a path of confrontation in many cases, while the all Union Council has attempted to continue its ministry within government rule. The church in Kiev where Vins formerly was pastor, finally registered with the government, a move dissident churches have resisted.

Olin Robison, president of Middlebury College in Middlebury, Vt., where Vins was staying, said "He (Vins) has been without sleep for ages."

The last week has been the most harrowing thing imaginable. It is almost more than a person could comprehend," said Robison. "Four or five days ago Vins was bumping across Siberia in a cattle car; this morning he was sitting beside the President of the United States."

Robison, Allen and Charles Trentham, pastor of Washington's First Baptist Church, where President Carter is a member, have constituted themselves as a committee to raise money to help the Vins family and to protect them from the fanatics who would exploit them.

The Sunday School Class Vins attended was taught by Carter. The lesson was about justice.

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Cothen said he was also happy to see the Sunday School Board take another step in cementing Nashville's reputation as one of the largest publishers of religious literature in the world.

Founded in 1801, Holman was an independent company until 1961 when it was purchased by J. B. Lippincott. In 1978, Harper and Row, formerly a Bible publisher, purchased the Lippincott company.

The Sunday School Board will con-

tinue the Holman name and the Holman operation as it has been with only minor changes. Ted Andrew, who has been president of Holman, will continue in that position. He will manage the Philadelphia office and supervise the 10 Holman personnel.

Holman publishes King James, New American Standard, Revised Standard, Lamsa and Beck versions of the Bible as well as a number of biblical reference works and a few other religious books.

Serving as the publishing arm of the Southern Baptist Convention is one of the primary responsibilities of the Sunday School Board, which has 1,500 employees.

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Five Fabulous Sundays

New Sunday School Members

April 1 Total 1732

April 8 Total 1588

April 15 Total 1586

April 22 Total 1038

April 29 Total 1039

Grand Total 6983

April 29:

Adams — 14	Marion — 8
Afcorn — 5	Marshall — 7
Attala — 6	Mississippi — 10
Benton — 9	Monroe — 21
Bolivar — 4	Montgomery — 5
Calhoun — 9	Neshoba — 1
Carroll — 10	New Choctaw — 0
Chickasaw — 4	Newton — 5
Choctaw —	Noxubee — 12
Clarke — 24	Oktibbeha —
Clay — 14	Panola — 16
Copiah — 9	Pearl River — 36
Covington — 0	Perry — 50
DeSoto — 7	Pike — 14
Franklin —	Pontotoc — 35
George — 12	Prentiss — 6
Greene — 8	Quitman —
Grenada — 4	Rankin — 11
Gulf Coast — 57	Riverside — 11
Hinds-Madison — 74	Scott — 10
Holmes — 10	Sharkey-Issaquena —
Humphreys — 2	Simpson — 2
Itawamba — 7	Smith — 67
Jackson — 29	Sunflower —
Jasper — 8	Tallahatchie — 3
Jeff Davis —	Tate — 5
Jones — 58	Tippah — 23
Kemper —	Tishomingo — 6
Lafayette — 16	Union — 3
Lamar — 2	Union County — 0
Lauderdale — 65	Walthall — 10
Lawrence — 5	Warren — 25
Leake — 6	Washington — 11
Lebanon — 49	Wayne — 19
Lee — 50	Webster —
Leflore — 7	Winston — 0
Lincoln — 13	Yalobusha —
Lowndes —	Yazoo —
TOTAL: 1039	

Cauthen Will Address Carey Graduates; Honorary Doctorates Will Go To Three

Three who have spent their lives ministering to others will be honored at William Carey College's commencement on May 5, when the college awards them honorary doctorates.

Baker James Cauthen will receive the honorary doctor of law degree and will be the commencement speaker at the 10 a.m. service. Miss Harriet L. Mather will be awarded the doctor of humane letters degree, while Buryl Red will be presented the doctor of music degree.

Cauthen, a Texan, this year celebrates his 25th anniversary as executive director of the Foreign Mission Board, SBC. He has seen the number of Southern Baptist missionaries triple in the last quarter-century.

Cauthen's career, begun at 16 when he was licensed to preach, has taken him from the service of several rural Texas churches, to a six-year ministry

at Polytechnic Baptist Church in Fort Worth, to a teaching stint at Southwestern Seminary, to the mission field in China.

Miss Mather, native of Chicago, employed at Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans for over 30 years, worked diligently during her long nursing career to upgrade nursing services and responsibilities, as well as the professional status of nursing. In 1943 the school of nursing at Southern Baptist Hospital was named the Mather School in her honor. (In 1969 the Mather School became the William Carey College School of Nursing.)

Now living in St. Petersburg, Fla., she is active member of the American Baptist Church of the Beatitudes.

Buryl Red, native of Arkansas, is a composer and arranger who has provided numerous practical music scores for church and school. His religious musicals include "Celebrate



Cauthen Mather Red

life," "Beginnings," "Lightshine," and "Acts."

While at Holt, Rinehart and Winston publishing company, Red worked as a senior music editor. Later he authored the choral textbooks "Choral Sounds" for high school.

He has also worked with television. His most recent project involved di-

recting the musical aspects of a series called "At Home with the Bible," sponsored by the Baptist Sunday School Board.

He is owner and director of BR Productions with offices in New York and Nashville, as well as president of Tri-Gen Music, Triune Music, and Triangle Records.

Sansing Will Speak At Clarke Commencement

Clarke College acting president A. C. Johnson has announced plans for the Clarke College graduation exercises. The event will take place on Thursday, May 10, at 3 p.m. in the sanctuary of First Church, Newton.

Speaker for the ceremony will be L. Gordon Sansing of Meridian. Sansing has a long history of association with and support for Clarke College from his graduation in 1937, and has served on the Board of Trustees of the college. He graduated

from Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary. Mississippi College awarded him the Doctor of Divinity degree.

He spent twelve years with the Baptist Convention Board, serving as Secretary of Evangelism for Mississippi. He retired from the pastorate of First Church, Grenada, and has since lived in Meridian. He is pastor of Arrowwood Church in Meridian and teaches in the Seminary Extension Center in Lauderdale County.

Music for the graduation ceremonies will be under the direction of Clark Adams and will feature the Clarke College Choir.

Kelly To Deliver BMC Graduation Address To 70

BLUE MOUNTAIN, Miss. — Earl Kelly of Jackson, the executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, will deliver the graduation address at Blue Mountain College Sunday, May 6, 1979.

The commencement speaker is a graduate of Mississippi College in Clinton and earned a master's degree and doctorate in theology from Southern Seminary in Louisville, Ky.

Kelly has contributed to *The Southern Baptist Encyclopedia* and *The History of Mississippi Baptists* and is the author of *James: A Primer for Christian Living*. He received the "Service To Humanity Award" from Mississippi College in 1975.

Delivering the Baccalaureate sermon the morning of graduation will be John Hopper, pastor of South Side Baptist Church, in Meridian.

Hopper is a 1959 graduate of Blue Mountain and also from the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He is on the BMC Board of Trustees.

Blue Mountain expects to award more than 70 degrees during commencement exercises which will take place in Berry Auditorium. The Baccalaureate sermon will also be given in Berry at 11 a.m.

Harold Fisher is president of Blue Mountain College.

Peking (RNS) — The government has decided to finance a new printing of the Koran and to authorize establishment of a Koranic school in Kunming, the capital of the southern Chinese province of Yunnan, Peking Radio announced. Most of China's estimated 25 million Muslims are concentrated in northwestern provinces along the border with the Soviet Union.

Washington, D. C. (RNS) — Soil Stewardship Week, which has its origins in the centuries-old tradition of thanking God and asking his blessings for the gifts of nature, will be celebrated across the nation, May 20-27. Theme of the 1979 celebration is "Interdependence." It is expressed by the scriptural verse: "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" (Psalm 133:1).

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Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bacon of First Baptist Church, Clinton, will be music leaders, with Mrs. Larry Salter of First Baptist Church, Brandon, as pianist.

Also on hand the first two weeks will be leaders for individual age group conferences including Mr. and Mrs. Harold Marsh and Al Foy of the Sunday School Board, and Mrs. Judd Allen of Calvary Baptist Church, Jackson.

The second two sessions Aug. 6-8, and Aug. 9-11, will have John Barnes, pastor of Main Street Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, as Bible study leader and J. B. Fowler, pastor of First Baptist Church, McComb, as speaker.

Gulfshore To Host Four Sunday School Weeks



Bill and Martha Bacon Carol and David Tyson

Sunday School Leadership Weeks at Gulfshore Baptist Assembly run from July 30-Aug. 11. There are four sessions within those dates for participants to choose from.

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Age group conference leaders will include Dennis Conniff III of the Sunday School Board and Mrs. Allen of Jackson.

All Sunday School Leadership Conferences will include child care and a recreation and Bible study program for youths.

The first two sessions will have a special interest library conference. And all sessions will offer a videotape presentation of "Better Bible Teaching" with an exposition on "What the Bible says About Speaking in Tongues," by William Hull.

For specific information about the programs, contact the Sunday School Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Box 530, Jackson, Miss., 39205, or phone 554-3704.

For specific information about reservations for conferences at Gulfshore, contact Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, Henderson Point, Pass Christian, Miss., 39051, or phone 452-7261.

Reservation deposit requirements, which apply to room and board, are \$15 per person two years old and older.

Historical Commission Sets Budget

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — The Southern Baptist Historical Commission re-elected Walter B. Shurden of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., as chairman, and adopted a \$287,000 budget for 1979-80 during its annual meeting in Nashville, Tenn.

The Southern Baptist Historical Society, meeting jointly with the commission, elected W. Morgan Patterson of Golden Gate Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif., as president.

In other action, the commission presented its annual Norman W. Cox Award for historical writing to Claude Howe Jr., professor of church history at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, and approved plans to publish Vol. IV of the "Encyclopedia of Southern Baptists," in cooperation with Broadman Press, possibly by 1982.

The commission also authorized appointment of a steering committee to plan for a consultation on church membership, in cooperation with the Sunday School Board's Church Training department and other agencies to deal creatively with membership losses.

It is the prerogative of great men only to have great defects. — La Rochefoucauld

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Workshop Planned For Deaf And Interpreters Of Deaf

Carter Bearden, deaf consultant, Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga., will lead a workshop for the deaf and interpreters of the deaf, May 18-19, at the Baptist Building in Jackson.

The workshop will be based on "How to Conduct and Improve a Deaf Ministry in the Local Baptist Church."

Bearden will be talking about administration of the deaf ministry and development of leadership skills and roles among the deaf. He is the author of *A Handbook for Religious Inter-*

preters of the Deaf

Reverse interpreters will be provided for every session of the workshop.

The schedule for the workshop will be Friday, May 18, from 7 to 9 p.m., and Saturday, May 19, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, and 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

This workshop is sponsored by the Cooperative Missions Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Richard Alford, language missions consultant.

Work Resumes In Liberia

MONROVIA, Liberia (BP) — Southern Baptist missionaries have resumed their work in the wake of rioting that left 36 dead and 375 injured in Liberia's capital, Monrovia.

But Bradley D. Brown, chairman of the missionary organization in Liberia, as written to urge prayer on behalf of the nation. "National leadership needs it, and we all do," Brown wrote John E. Mills, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's secretary for West Africa.

The riots, which occurred at the start of the Easter weekend, were reported to have resulted from government approval for increases in the price of rice, the staple food of most Liberians. Widespread looting of food stores occurred, and the New York Times reported that damage to government buildings, stores, and other property would run into the tens of millions of dollars.

President William Tolbert called on troops from neighboring Guinea, with which Liberia has a mutual defense treaty, to help bring the riot situation under control. By Easter morning, he had eased curfew regulations and urged his people to attend church.

During the height of the rioting, the United States embassy in Monrovia advised all Americans in the area to remain off the streets. Twenty-four Southern Baptist missionaries live in Monrovia or in the immediate area. No violence was reported outside the capital.

The Liberia Baptist Missionary and Education Convention, Inc., headed by President Tolbert, a Baptist minister,

Lavon Hatten, director of missions for the Carroll and Montgomery Associations for the past twelve years is now director of missions for the Warren and Yazoo Associations. He is living in Vicksburg. Hatten is a graduate of Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary. He had held several pastorates in Louisiana and Mississippi before going into the work of associational missions in 1967. He is married to the former Beatrice Diamond from Wiggins, and they have three children.

Norman O'Neal, who had served the Warren Association for four and one-half years on a part-time basis, and who had served the Yazoo Association as a foster missionary, encouraged the two associations to set up a joint full-time program, and resigned effective with the beginning of the new Director's work.

Mississippi Baptist Activities

May 6	Senior Adult Day (CT Emphasis/SBC)
May 13	Christian Home Week (CAC Emphasis)
May 7-8	Equipping Center Interpretation Con., 7:00 p.m. (CT)
May 8	7-Parkway, Jackson; FBC, Tupelo; FBC, Sardis; 15th Ave., Meridian
May 11-12	Main St., Hattiesburg; FBC, Greenwood; Easthaven, Brookhaven; East End, Columbus; Grace Memorial, Gulfport
May 12	Associational Officers Clinic, Camp Garaywa, 10:00 a.m.-2 p.m. (WMU)
May 12	Language Leadership Conf., Bapt. Bldg., Jackson, 6:30 p.m., 11th-3:30 p.m., 12th (Cooperative Missions)
May 12	Selection Tournament, Youth Bible Drill, Bapt. Bldg., Jackson, 1:00 p.m. (CT)
May 12	Associational Officers' Clinic, FBC, Coffeeville, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. (WMU)
May 12	Youth Speakers' Tournament: Preliminary, Bapt. Bldg., Jackson, 10:00 a.m. (CT)

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Sardis, First	Gene Hendrix
Meridian, 15th Avenue	Dr. Hugh Poole
	May 8
Hattiesburg, Main Street	Bill Latham
Greenwood, First	Dan Wynn
Brookhaven, Easthaven	James Webster
Columbus, East End	Jimmy Dunn
Gulfport, Grace Memorial	Farrell Blankenship

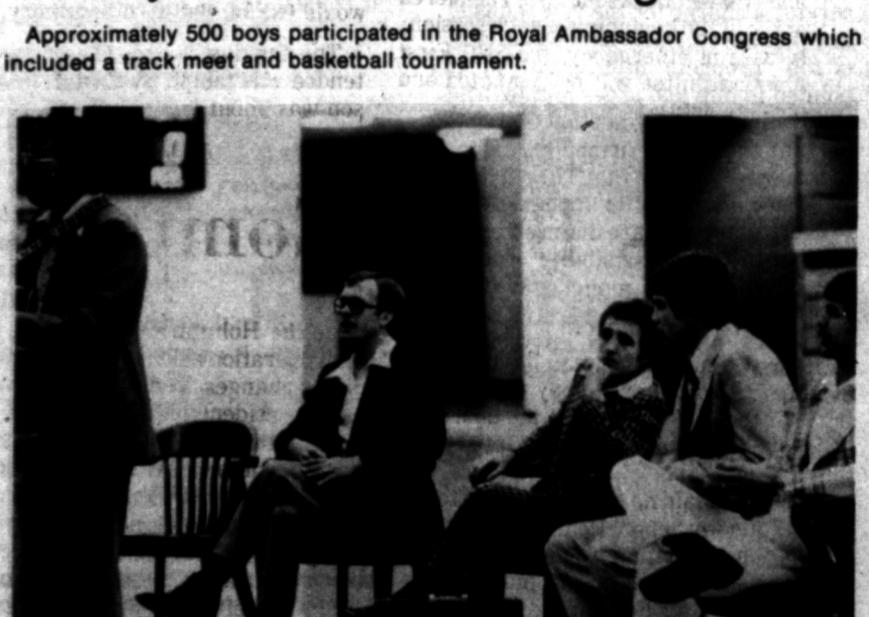


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Royal Ambassador Congress

Approximately 500 boys participated in the Royal Ambassador Congress which included a track meet and basketball tournament.



At far left in the photo is Ricky Kennedy of Bethel Baptist Church, Hazlehurst, who led the music for the Royal Ambassador Congress at the Mississippi College Coliseum recently. Behind him are Larry Cox, missionary speaker; Bunny Martin, yo-yo champion and devotional speaker; John Stroud, University of Mississippi basketball player; and Rusty Griffin, Brotherhood Department consultant and organizer of the event.

Strange Light Leads Cambodian Refugees

KHAM PUT, Thailand (BP) — Khun Poat, a 19-year-old girl, escaped the Khmer Rouge rule in Cambodia after an arduous journey with 100 others through miles of jungle, canals, mountains and rivers.

Numerous dangers stood between them and freedom, including Communist soldiers, the elements, and a stretch of jungle ground covered with thorns. Most of the escapees either were barefoot or wore flimsy thongs, no protection against the thorns.

A midnight-like darkness hampered the struggling group as it crossed a valley between two high mountain ranges. "We could see absolutely nothing," Pat later told missionary Maxine Stewart. "We didn't even know where to step."

Suddenly hundreds of fireflies swarmed into view. Their glow made enough light for the people to see the path. The refugees

reached the next mountain by "firefly light."

After delays due to disorientation and weariness — at one point Poat, hallucinating, was sure she saw the ocean — the escapees literally staggered into Thailand. Poat had to be carried to the refugee camp. Two months of medical treatment were necessary before she recovered, said Mrs. Stewart in the April issue of The Commission magazine.

After Poat was transferred to Kham Put refugee camp, she was invited to a Christian meeting. Although she had seen enough bamboo to last the rest of her life, she agreed to attend the meeting in the bamboo-thatch enclosure.

"I know that old man," she exclaimed at a picture on the wall of the chapel. "He is the one who led us and showed us the way to Thailand and freedom."

She was pointing to a picture of Jesus.



Volunteers Tear Down House At Central Hills

Volunteer labor groups are making a vital contribution to the development of Central Hills Baptist Retreat. One of the latest groups to serve was from First Church, Cleveland. Shown are nine men and boys who worked on a recent Saturday helping tear down an old house in preparation for the construction of a barn and pasture for the horses. Pictured are Bob Brewer, Lewis Myers, Milton Burd, Phillip Sanders, Larry Braswell, Carlos Rast, Mike Squires, Tom Howell, and Chris Howell. Other groups desiring to assist in various work projects are asked to contact the Brotherhood Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, or W. Levon Moore in Kosciusko.

Carnie Smith Scholarship Is Established At MC



Mrs. Carnie Smith

A man who dedicated his life to serving others through long years of public service will continue to assist future generations, thanks to a memorial scholarship established in his honor at Mississippi College.

The Carnie Smith Memorial Scholarship has been established at Mississippi College by his widow, Mrs. Carnie (Alpha M.) Smith of Route 1, Wesson, to help assist students planning on a church-related vocation.

The endowed scholarship will be given annually to juniors or seniors in need who plan to make a church-related vocation their career. This would include those who plan to enter the ministry or work as ministers of education, youth workers, educational secretaries, music directors or other church-related field positions.

Recipients of the scholarship will be selected by the Financial Aids Committee of the College, with applicants from Lincoln County given first preference. Recommendations will be made to the committee by the chairman of the Division of Religion in consultation with the Religion faculty.

In establishing the scholarship, Mrs. Smith said she wanted it to be a permanent

memorial to her husband who was a devoted public servant and an active Baptist layman.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith had been sweethearts since the third grade and were almost inseparable as a couple.

"We enjoyed each other's company and enjoyed doing things together," said Mrs. Smith. "His love for young people and his devotion to his church was what prompted me to memorialize him in this way. I know this is what he would have wanted."

Mr. Smith, who was a 1932 graduate of Mississippi College, taught in the public schools of Lincoln, Franklin, and Neshoba Counties. Mrs. Smith also taught with him in these schools. He also served a four-year term as sheriff of Lincoln County and served eight years as County Superintendent of Education in Lincoln County.

A long-time supporter of Baptist work and a lover of young people, Smith was active in denominational work and much in demand as a singer and choir director in churches throughout Lincoln County. He led revival meetings in almost every church in the county at one time or another and at the time of his death had sung at 633 funerals.

In fact, just a few hours before his death while studying his Sunday School lesson in his easy chair, he had sung at a funeral of a friend.

Smith was a deacon at the First Baptist Church of Brookhaven for many years and after his retirement to the Mt. Zion community was a deacon and choir director in the Mt. Zion Baptist Church until his death.

An outstanding athlete while attending Mississippi College, Smith lettered in both football and basketball. He was considered by many as one of the finest one-handed basketball shooters of his day.

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Seven Mississippi Churches Surpass 500 In Music Enrollment

NASHVILLE — Seven Mississippi churches reported more than 500 in church music enrollment in 1978, led by Broadmoor Church, Jackson, with an enrollment of 790.

Other Mississippi churches over the 500 mark during 1978 are First Baptist Church, Jackson (773); First Baptist Church, Starkville (701); Parkway Baptist Church, Jackson (619); Morrison Heights Baptist Church, Clinton (585); First Baptist Church, Hatties-

burg (512); and Temple Baptist Church, Hattiesburg (507).

Almost 100 churches in the Southern Baptist Convention reported more than 500 persons actively participating in the church music program in 1978.

Music enrollment for the Southern Baptist Convention was over 1.4 million this year, up 3.1 percent from the previous year. This was the 14th consecutive year for the SBC ongoing church music enrollment to increase.



Seminary Centers Increase

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Evangelistic Enthusiasm Not Dampened By Flood

By John J. Hurt

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (BP) — Baptist leaders in Brazil have not let flood waters dampen their enthusiasm for a massive program to double membership and churches by their 1982 centennial.

Flood waters are receding, leaving a toll of more than 500 lives and property damage in the hundreds of millions of dollars. Recovery will be slow as farmers replant crops and factories make repairs before recalling workers.

"But all this will be insignificant in the long run," said Joao Falcao Sobrinho, executive secretary of the Brazilian Baptist Convention.

"Christian brotherhood is proven in hours of tragedy," he explained. And he believes the cohesion which developed among churches as they ministered to flood victims will carry over into the centennial crusade.

Jose Bittencourt, executive secretary for the Baptist Convention of Minas Gerais, said, "I really think all

of this is going to help" because "churches are embracing one another" in an emergency and members are finding it "much easier to witness."

Brazilian Baptists are in the first year of a four-year emphasis leading to the centennial. Attention this year is on "Fortifying the Christian Family." Next year it is "Doing the Work of Evangelism" and in 1981 it is "Expanding Mission Outreach." The 1982 centennial emphasis is "Edifying the Church."

Leaster C. Bell, Southern Baptist missionary from Texas serving as associate to the executive secretary for the Brazilian convention, said he "feels real, real good" about reaching the centennial goals.

Brazil, with a population of 115 million, has 2,800 Baptist churches with 450,000 members. The 1982 goal is 6,000 churches and one million members.

Doubling membership and churches seems more realistic when one looks at

the recent growth in the Minas Convention, in a state a little larger than Texas. More than half of the 139 churches have been organized since 1966.

It took 41 years to organize the first 73 churches but only 17 years to organize the next 74. The major problem at present is money to purchase land and start construction. New zoning laws in Minas, for example, require more land and add to construction costs.

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The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board made \$285,000 available for relief ministries. Missionaries and pastors administered it through the state conventions and local churches.

Bittencourt said "all people in agriculture are going to be without funds" until new crops are harvested.

(Hurt, editor emeritus of Texas' Baptist Standard, has been on assignment in Brazil covering effects of recent disastrous floods.)

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Sermons were long and at times intermingled with a touch of "fiel-fie and brimstone," the consequent result being "new-born" Christians and the addition of some others. The new converts, it is said, had had an "experience" with the Lord.

Discipline in the early period was harsh and rigid, and when some wayward member failed or refused to admit his sins, he was usually "excommunicated."

The first pastor was Joseph P. Martin; the one who served the longest period was Norwell Robertson, who began his ministry in 1838 and departed in 1878. The present pastor is Marty Evans.

Bethany Baptist Church

By Kirby Tyrone

Bethany Baptist Church, Jefferson Davis County Association, was organized in 1919. It is located in South Prentiss on Highway 13. Some people say the original site was not far away on the banks of Whitesand Creek, a convenient place for baptismal services.

Charter members were Joseph Ford, a black man Friday, William Martin, Joseph Parkman, Charles Slater, William Sparks, William Stamps, Joshua Stockstill, Levi Tidwell, Sister Ford, Nancy Mullens, Susannah Parkman, Sister Slater, Nancy Martin, Charity Simmons, Polly Sparks, Sister Stockstill, Frances Stamps, and

Tempey Tidwell.

"Big Meetings" were held in summer and lasted all day for a week, and that practice continued well into the 1920's and possibly later. People came from long distance and camped or lodged with relatives or other members. Food for the noon meal was prepared and made ready by the women, who did quite a bit of socializing at the same time. After the table was blessed, the men congregated in groups, ate and discussed topics of interest to them. Young people withdrew to a side of the table, but not very far, ate, frolicked, "spooned," and sometimes, over the years, a couple of them would elope.

The congregation of Prentiss Church has approved a \$250,000 modernization program.

Earl Stamps, chairman of the Building and Grounds Committee, acting in the capacity of floor leader for the project, steered the program to final approval.

Alterations, relocations and renovations (although not finalized) will include enlarging the choir loft, elevating the baptistry, and erecting a steeple of Gothic style.

David Michel is pastor and Ingram L. Foster, Jr., first vice-president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, is a member of the congregation.

Revival Dates

Robinson Street, Jackson: May 6-9; services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; James M. Doyle, the new pastor at the church, evangelist; Don Moore, music evangelist who was formerly minister of music at Robinson Street, singer.

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Colorful Tent Helps To Boost Attendance

By Dean E. Richardson

TAMALE, Ghana — Everybody in Zugudabogun turned out to see the brightly colored house where the missionaries slept. So great was the interest that services had to be moved outside the small, mud-block church building to accommodate the crowds.

W. Ralph Davis, Southern Baptist missionary from Mississippi, had come to the village of Zugudabogun for a three-day revival. The church was the farthest out in the bush of all the Tamale association churches.

Friends of the Davises in the United States at Rich Fork Baptist Church in Thomasville, N. C., donated the tent. It is one of the fancy, colorful models with aluminum tubing frame and nylon screenings.

It was given so that the Davis family could use it for some degree of privacy and safety from poisonous snakes or scorpions when they needed to stay in the bush longer than one day.

The Davises visited every one of the 25 or so compounds in the village, greeting the people and inviting them

to services. Pastor Issifu Alhassan visited with them.

An experimental 7 a. m. devotional service proved successful because the farmers were willing to delay going to their farms until the service finished. And always the people came back for one more look at the tent.

By the end of the revival several had made professions of faith, including the chief himself. The Davises, aided by a teacher and students from the Baptist Training Center in Tamale, are returning to Zugudabogun each week to teach an inquirers class.

In this case the colorful tent turned out to be more than shelter — it was a way to open the doors to Christian witness.

(Richardson, from Texas, is Southern Baptist missionary press representative in Ghana.)

Kelly Leads Enrichment Week At Boyce

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — "Being God's Man" is the theme of the 1979 annual spiritual enrichment week May 1-4 at Boyce Bible School, a division of Southern Seminary.

Leading the annual spiritual renewal emphasis is Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. He speaks at 10 a.m. Tuesday through Friday at Boyce's WMU Chapel.

His topics include keeping a critical eye on your ministry; the man God uses; the minister and discouragement; and knights of the silver shield.

Boyce Bible School provides ministerial training for students who have not been able to avail themselves of a college education.

William J. Reynolds, secretary of the church music department at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, expressed congratulations to each of the churches surpassing the 500 enrollment total, and said the increases are evident of support, outreach and growth of the SBC music program.

It is no worse to stand on ceremony than to trample on it. — E. P. Day

Muslims Congratulate Baptists On New Center

TUR'AN VILLAGE, Israel — How do Muslim residents in a small Galilee village react when Baptists build a center in their village? How do they respond to an invitation to the dedication service for a new sanctuary in that center?

They respond with congratulations, according to Elizabeth (Mrs. James W.) Smith, Southern Baptist press representative. The Muslims of Tur'an Village came to the dedication and brought greetings and congratulations from their local council. Many of them stayed through the service before going to the mosque for evening prayers.

Some of these Muslim visitors remembered that as early as 1956 Baptist teaching and preaching teams

were coming from the Baptist church in Nazareth and would meet in homes or under olive trees in nearby fields, Mrs. Smith said.

Other Muslim guests were the parents of toddlers and young children who attend the daily kindergarten directed by the pastor's wife. Some have been host to the pastor, Suhal Ramadhan, and his wife Fida during regular visits to homes in the village.

Because there is no Greek Orthodox priest assigned to the village at present, the Baptist pastor has become the Christian religious figure in the eyes of the Muslim as well as the Christian.

Gandia, Spain — The churches of the Levante area of Spain met together to show support for the five-year mission plan Spanish Baptists adopted to reach new areas with the gospel message.

More than 800 people attended the two-day meeting in Gandia, a very hard place to reach people, according to Indy (Mrs. Charles W.) Whitten.

However, 28 professions of faith were made during three months of intense witnessing there, which the Southern Baptist missionary says is "like a thousand in other places."

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By J. Roy McComb
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Mark 6:1-7:23

As Jesus ministered to people He encountered hardness of heart.

I. Unbelief In Nazareth (6:1-4)

If chapter 5 can be called "the faith chapter" then chapter 6 deserves the title "the no-faith chapter." Jesus now turned from Capernaum to Nazareth. In Nazareth, the place where He grew up, He encountered unbelief. When He left Capernaum to go to Nazareth, the bright spot was that His disciples followed Him. What are disciples for if not to follow the Master?

He went into the synagogue and began to teach the people. The teaching of Jesus disturbed the listeners. It is to their credit that they were listening, which is more than can be said for some today. It can be said that they disbelieved and this led to unbelief. Their amazement at His teachings led to their being offended at what He had to say. They had trouble believing that a hometown boy could be such a prophet.

II. Mission of the Twelve (6:7-13)

The unbelief that Jesus encountered in Nazareth did not discourage Him. He began to send out the twelve two by two. Why two by two? First, to help and encourage each other. Second, to be valid witnesses. Third, to help protect each other. We see the plan of Jesus to evangelize the world in its inception here.

He told them to take nothing except a staff. They were to take no bread, no bag, and no money. They were to wear sandals but not take an extra tunic. They were to go by faith. They were to depend upon the promises of God and the word of Jesus. In those days evangelism was a passion rather than a profession. The servants of the Lord should go forth with authority. The equipment should be neither extravagant nor inadequate.

Jesus' popularity was now at its height. His name was on the lips of all. They were saying, "Who is this man?" Popularity is perhaps the most severe test of anyone. Success has spoiled more people perhaps than failure. It takes a steady hand to carry a full cup. The questions concerning the person of Jesus are still being asked. The tragedy is that so many try to explain Him away. They will have anyone or anything except his own explanation of himself.

1. Herod's Party is Recounted for Us

This party led to the death of John the Baptist. It is a gruesome story of a weak spineless, lustful person. Herod's shameful and incestuous union with Herodias, his brother Phillip's wife, led to the thundering of John the Baptist against this unlawful and ungodly union. With a thundering voice and flashing eyes and scorching words John the Baptist faced the king with his sin. Herod was guilty and knew it.

2. Occasions Make or Mar Many Men
The occasion of Herod's birthday marred him. In his birthday party, in a drunken state, after his wife's daughter dances lustfully in his presence, he promises her anything she wants to ask. She asks for the head of John the Baptist.

The king did not want to do this but he would keep his word even if it meant doing wrong. Herod, like many, thought he could regulate his sin to suit his convenience. Sin will not be the servant of any but will become the sovereign of all. Many potentates have been pygmies but Christian martyrs are true monarchs.

IV. Feeding the Five Thousand

Verse 30 connects directly with verses 12 and 13.

Jesus had sent the disciples out to preach, to drive out demons, to anoint the sick, and to heal. Their mission seems to have been accomplished. In reply to their report Jesus proposed a retreat. The crowd was present. People were milling about, coming and going. The disciples and Jesus

were unable to eat a meal. Jesus was aware of the weary disciples' need to rest. All of us need some recreation and rest.

Jesus attempted to take his disciples to a solitary place. They were observed leaving and many ran ahead of them. Jesus saw the crowd as sheep without a shepherd so He stopped to teach them. By the time He had finished it was late in the day. The people were hungry. The disciples had a committee meeting and made the motion that they send them away. Jesus amended their motion by saying, "Give ye them to eat" and the amendment was carried not by a show of hands but by a demonstration of power.

The disciples knew full well they did not have the resources necessary to feed this large crowd. They said to Him, "It would take eight months of a man's wages to feed this group."

"What do you have?" He asked. They discovered they had five loaves and two fish. This was all. Certainly not enough.

Then Jesus directed them to have the people sit down on the grass. The people sat down and a miracle occurred. Jesus took what they had, five loaves and two fish, He blessed it, He broke it, and the disciples distributed it.

Jesus always uses what we have to the maximum. The disciples picked up 12 baskets of broken pieces of bread and fish.

V. Walking On The Water (6:45-56)

Jesus had instructed His disciples to cross to the other side. He then sent the people away. Then He went away Himself into the mountain to pray. When evening had come the ship was in the midst of the sea but Jesus was alone on the land.

It is interesting to note that He had observed the ship in the midst in the evening. He saw them toiling trying to row the boat against a contrary wind. Yet, it was the fourth watch, between three and six a.m., before He came to them walking on the sea.

He was about to go past the disciples when they noticed His presence. His presence frightened them greatly because they did not recognize Him. They cried out in terror. It was then that He answered them. It was then that He revealed Himself to them. Our Lord did not want His disciples to be frightened and terrified. Neither does He want His disciples today to be frightened and terrified. He identifies Himself. He goes to the boat. The sea is calm and they are amazed.

Christ and calmness go together. Christ is always nearer than any of us suspect.

VI. Controversy About Tradition

1. Trifling With Truth

The Pharisees and the Scribes came to Jesus. Apparently they came all the way from Jerusalem to Capernaum. Popularity of Jesus had aroused suspicion and the jealousy of the religious leaders. We have never done it this way before so why should you, is their attitude. They insist that Jesus should follow some of the petty traditions.

2. Teaching The Truth

The Scribes and Pharisees were concerned with appearances. Jesus is concerned with reality. Scribes and Pharisees were concerned with tradition. Jesus is concerned with truth. He turned away from the Scribes and Pharisees to the crowd. He taught them that what is outside a man is not what defiles him but what is inside.

That which matters is not our cups but our characters. It is not our table but our temper. Morals matter more than manners.

I close with these truths from this lesson:

1. Lack of faith deprives us of divine blessings
2. Hardness of heart leads to spiritual suicide
3. Human traditions blind people to spiritual realities
4. Human need should have priority over religious rules

Deaf Women Meet During WMU Week At Glorieta

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — The first conference for deaf WMU members will be held this summer at Glorieta Baptist Conference Center during the joint Woman's Missionary Union/Brotherhood week, June 30-July 6.

The conference is planned for deaf women, but will also be helpful to church staff members and others who work with the deaf. Topics of instruction will include the basics of missions, how to organize WMU age-level groups, and various teaching methods.

Coordinator of the conference is

Doris Diaz, director of the Language Department for Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to Southern Baptist Convention. Miss Diaz, who is a beginner in learning sign language, will be aided by conference leaders and three interpreters.

Registration for the deaf conference is open to anyone deaf or working with the deaf. Those interested in attending the conference should contact Glorieta Baptist Conference Center to make reservations for the WMU/Brotherhood Conference. There is no separate registration for the deaf conference.

Staff Changes

Thomas Balch, Laurel, has accepted a call as Bethlehem Church's minister of music. In 1953 Balch was ordained to the gospel ministry by First Church, North Bend, Oregon, where he served for 12½ years in pioneer mission work. He is a graduate of William Carey College and attended Southern Oregon College, and New Orleans Seminary. His pastoral work has been in Oregon, California, Michigan, and Mississippi. In the music field, he has served as music evangelist in Mississippi and Oregon. His parents are R. C. Balch, Sr., and late Mrs. Mae G. Balch. His wife is the former Barbara Reid. He and his wife have two daughters, Cheryl and Patricia.

Gary G. Berry became pastor of Crossgates Church of Brandon effective May 1, moving from Taylorsville where he was pastor of First Church since 1975. A native of Magee he was ordained by Mt. Zion Church, Mt. Olive. He graduated from William Carey College and earned Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry degrees from New Orleans Seminary. He is a Seminary Extension Executive Board member and teacher, and a member of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. Berry's wife is the former Janet Wilson of Charlotte, N. C. The Berrys have two children, Gina and Jody. They will live at 52 Freehill Court in Brandon.

Arnold Chavers as minister of youth. Chavers recently received a B.A. in Bible from Mississippi College where his wife Cathy is a nursing student. He has served as Campus Life Director in Jackson for Youth for Christ, and summer youth director at Lyon and at Immanuel, Greenwood. He was ordained at Parkway, Jackson. He moved to Temple from Montrose Church, Tallulah, La., where he was pastor.

The Deer Creek Baptist Church of Rolling Fork has called Don Franklin as minister of music and youth. He is a student at Mississippi College from Oxford. Larry Barlow is pastor.

First, Senatobia has called Red Bunn as minister of education and recreation. He is pictured with his wife, Debbie. John Flowers is the pastor.

James M. Doyle is the new pastor of Robinson Street Church, Jackson, having moved there from Clarksville, Ind. He began his ministry in Jackson on March 18. He previously held pastorate in Nashville, Tenn.

Retired Minister Dies At Age 83

Services were held April 25 at Old Hebron Church for Solon L. Walker, 83, who died April 24 at Jefferson Davis

County Hospital. Interment was in New Hebron Cemetery. R. G. Bilbo and David Michel officiated.

A native of the Old Hebron Community, Walker was a graduate of Mississippi College, class of 1921, and attended Southwest Seminary. During his 50 years in the ministry, he was pastor at Dublin Church in Jeff Davis County; at Trinity Church in Georgia; Woodlawn Church in Vicksburg; Phalit, Whitesand, Antioch, Bethany, Hathorn, (all in Jeff Davis); Wanilla and Crooked Creek in Lawrence County; and at Old Hebron where he retired in 1960. He was moderator of Jeff Davis Association on several occasions.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Gage Walker (they celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary July 28, 1976.); two sons, S. L. Walker, Jr. of Meridian, and Dr. Milton Walker of Columbia; a daughter, Mrs. Carolyn Waters of St. Petersburg, Fla.; ten grandchildren; and a brother, Durr Walker of Brookhaven.

Plans are being made to establish a memorial scholarship fund for a ministerial student at Mississippi College. All three of Walker's children are graduates of Mississippi College. For information about this, persons may contact Howard Woods at Box 251, Clinton, Ms. 39056 or by telephone 924-5663 or 924-5527.

Devotional contact makes a worshiping throng as different from the same number praying apart as a bed of coals is from a trail of scattered cinders. — Oliver Wendell Holmes

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Ed Deuschle is now pastor of Trinity Church in Fulton, having moved from Morgan Chapel Church in Oktibbeha

Association, where he had served since 1975. For the last 2½ years he was associational moderator and a member of the Golden Triangle Joint Missions Committee.

Temple Church, Jackson, has called Arnold Chavers as minister of youth. Chavers recently received a B.A. in Bible from Mississippi College where his wife Cathy is a nursing student. He has served as Campus Life Director in Jackson for Youth for Christ, and summer youth director at Lyon and at Immanuel, Greenwood. He was ordained at Parkway, Jackson. He moved to Temple from Montrose Church, Tallulah, La., where he was pastor.

The David Turner family moved to Holly Springs in September. Dave serves as the Associate Pastor to Tommy Tutor, Pastor of First Church. Mrs. Turner is the former Beverly Rae Heberer of Belleville, Ill. A son, Michael, is a sixth grade student at Marshall Academy. The Turners came from the pastorate of the Lafayette Park Baptist Church of St. Louis, Mo. An article concerning the St. Louis Church was published in the Jan.-Feb.-Mar. issue of The Deacon magazine. The Turner's live at 916 College Street in Holly Springs.

Jimmy Little has joined the staff of First Church in Greenwood as minister of music and fine arts. He goes to Greenwood from First Church in Waynesboro, where he served for 4½ years. He attended Mississippi College and Mobile College and is a graduate of New Orleans Seminary. He and his wife Sandra have two girls, Kaysha and Olivia.

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Blue Mountain Will Offer Workshop For Organists

As part of its program of continuing education, Blue Mountain College will offer a workshop for church organists on May 25 and again on May 26.

The May 25 session will be held at the Springfield Church in Ripley, and the Saturday session will be at the West Jackson Street Church in Tupelo.

The purpose of the workshop is to review and discuss easy music appropriate for church use and playable by part-time organists. Fifty pieces

selected from all seasons and for general use will be demonstrated on two different electronic instruments.

The workshop will be presented by Edward Ludlow, associate professor of organ and church music, and the sessions are open to anyone. The cost is \$10. Additional information may be obtained from the Office of the Dean, Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain, MS 38610.

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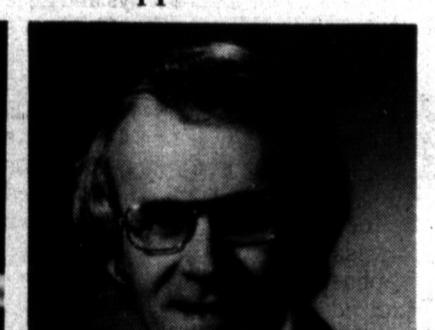
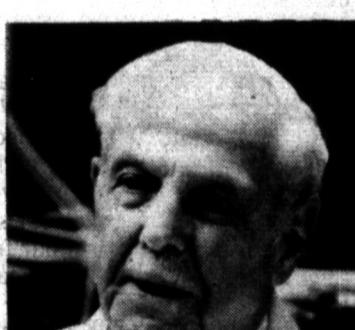
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Names In The News . . .

Mrs. Guy V. Cochran, mother of Mrs. Raymond L. Kolb, missionary in Brazil, died March 22 in Dublin, Ga. Mrs. Kolb, wife of the Foreign Mission Board's field representative to Brazil, may be addressed at Caixa 07-1185, 70000 Brasilia, Federal District, Brazil. She is the former Martha Ann Cochran of Dublin, Ga. He is a native of Blue Spring, Miss.

Sam Fort of the Northwest Baptist Convention, Portland, Ore., has been elected president of the State Baptist Student Directors Association. Other officers are Don Blaylock of the Kentucky Baptist Convention, Middletown, Ky., president-elect; and William Bonner of the Baptist General Association of Virginia, Richmond, secretary. The organization is made up of state directors of student work in each of the 34 state Baptist conventions and three fellowships which cover Southern Baptist work in all 50 states.

J. B. Costlow, Clarke College director of religious activities, has released the names of seven Clarke students who have been chosen by the Home Mission Board, SBC, to serve as student summer missionaries for ten weeks. Four students will be going to California. They are Dorothy Beaver, Forest; Chris Myers, Daleville; Paul Stupka, Benton; and Willie Watts, Houna, La. Joe Styron of Braxton will serve in Oklahoma and Amy Pitts of Terry will be assigned to New Mexico. Traveling to Missouri will be Burton Schmitz of Carrollton.



Blackwater Church of Kemper County over the last two years has licensed three men to preach the gospel — two of them within the last sixty days. Terry Plummer has answered God's call to the ministry, and is pictured at right receiving his license from his pastor, Curtis M. Dyer, Jr. This country church has an average attendance of 125. Plummer and his wife, Sandra, have five children. He is available for supply, and may be contacted through the Kemper-Neshoba associational missionary, Kermit Sharp, at 595 Center Ave., Phila., Miss. 39350.

Presidents of three Southern Baptist seminaries have been named the 1979 Distinguished Alumni of Southwestern Seminary, Russell H. Dilday Jr., president of Southwestern; Randall Lolley, president of Southeastern Seminary; and William M. Pinson Jr., president of Golden Gate Seminary were announced as recipients of the seminary's highest honor by National Alumni Association President Frank Pollard of Jackson. A fourth seminary president, Milton U. Ferguson of Midwestern Seminary, was named a Distinguished Alumnus in 1975.

Jerry and Bobbey Rankin, missionaries to Indonesia, are currently on a temporary assignment in India (address: 383 Upper Palace Orchards, Bangalore 560 006, India). A native of Mississippi, he was born in Tupelo and grew up in Clinton. The former Bobbey Simmons, she was born in Mobile, Ala.

Mrs. Lula M. Nickey, mother of Mrs. Tom D. Sumrall, missionary associate to Brazil, died March 13. Mrs. Sumrall may be addressed at Caixa 409, 30000 Belo Horizonte, MG, Brazil. She is the former Jane Nickey of McComb, Miss.



Floyd Higginbotham (right), Batesville, recently attended a seminar at the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, on Starting a New Pastorate Effectively. Bruce Grubbs (left), pastoral ministries consultant in the board's church administration department, led the seminar, which was a study of factors that are important in effectively beginning a new pastorate.

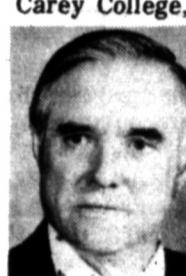
R. L. (Bob) Maddox, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Calhoun, Ga., has been named a speechwriter to President Jimmy Carter, effective May 15. During the past year, Maddox, pastor of the Georgia church for more than seven years, has written two speeches for the president and one for Mrs. Carter. Maddox said he first wrote for Carter the speech delivered by the president to a meeting last June in Atlanta sponsored by the Brotherhood Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention. Most recently, Maddox wrote a draft for Carter's speech at the signing of the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty March 26 and for an address delivered by Mrs. Carter the same day via telephone hookup to the Christian Life Commission's family seminar in Orlando, Fla. The Calhoun congregation includes the president's son Jack and his wife Judy. The Georgia pastor has written lessons for three adult Sunday School quartiles of the Baptist Sunday School Board and is the author of a commentary on Acts.

Cynthia L. McGee, missionary to Chile, may be addressed at Casilla 16624, Correo 9, Santiago, Chile. Mrs. James W. McGaugh, died April 16 in a Dallas nursing home. She was 88.

Baptist Young Women of District 3 gathered at First Church, Clara for a fellowship lunch, and to hear missionary, Georgia Mae Ogburn, retired, from Chile. Miss Ogburn showed slides and souvenirs of her recent visit to Santiago, Chile.

Arvil Dunaway is entering fulltime evangelism. A graduate of William Carey College, he served Eastside Church Richton, while a student. He is a graduate of Baptist Bible Institute, Graceville, Fla., and attended Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex. He now lives at 4705 Baywood Drive, Lynn Haven, Florida 32444 (telephone 904-265-3371).

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Dedication May 27

Auditorium, Family Life Center Double Size Of McLaurin Heights

McLaurin Heights Church, Pearl, will have homecoming and dedication services Sunday, May 27. Regular services will be held Sunday morning with Churchwide luncheon at noon, with open house until 2 p.m.

The dedication will be at 2 p.m. in the auditorium. The new auditorium, office suite, and Family Life Center nearly doubles the space of previous buildings.

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The auditorium is square with seating in a semi-circle; architecture is modern. The Family Life Center has full size gym, arts and crafts, canteen,

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Just For The Record



Crowder Church dedicated a new pastorium on April 29. Open house followed the dedication service. Special music was presented by the Ben C. Scarboroughs. The invocation was given by Olyn Roberts, moderator of Quitman Association. Hugh Z. Scarborough, father of the pastor at Crowder, Truman Scarborough, brought the dedicatory address. Homecoming was held and lunch served.



Charles McKnight, head chaplain at Baptist Hospital in Memphis, held a training session recently for deacons and yoke men of Friendship Church, Grenada. Subject matter for discussion included hospital visitation and ministering to the terminally ill.

Friendship deacons have adopted the Yoke Fellows program, designed to aid the deacons in their family ministry. Each deacon has a yoke man to work with him. STANDING, LEFT TO RIGHT: Sammy McCracken, Silas Hill, Ronnie Smith, Bill Wright, Charlie Tribble. SEATED, LEFT TO RIGHT: Woodrow Tribble, Donny Hodges, Serman Barnette, pastor, Charles McKnight, Bobby White, Noel Orrell, Donald Palmer.

Poplar Springs Church of Menard, will observe Homecoming on May 6. Victor Johnson, former pastor, will speak at 11 a.m. Sunday School will begin at 9:50. Dinner on the grounds will be held after worship with an afternoon service following. Bobby R. Davis is pastor.

The homecoming at Cary Church is scheduled for Sunday, May 6. Guest singers will be the Gospelairens and the Pearl Quartet. Other local singers and talent will be on the program. Sunday School will begin at 9:45 a.m., followed by singing and a devotion by the pastor, Billy J. McDaniel, at 11:30 a.m. Dinner will be served at the church 12 noon - 1. The afternoon service will consist of gospel singing from 1 to 3.

Liberty Church, Flowood, held homecoming day on Sunday, April 29. Barney Walker of Jackson preached at 11 a.m. and W. C. Smith, a former pastor of the church, preached at 1:30 p.m. Dinner was served on the grounds. Wayne Crenshaw is pastor and Larry Richardson is music director.



GAs of Second Church, Indianola visited Care Inn on April 14, and carried plastic eggs filled with candy as gifts to the patients. They also presented cup cakes. Girls who participated were, left to right: Sheila Thompson, Mary Anne Cooper, Mary Elizabeth Robertson, Candy Boyles, Leslie Baker, Cindy Steelman, and Carla Thompson. Also the GAs of Second Church saved their change for the Annie Armstrong Offerings. On March 4, at worship service, they presented to the pastor, Doyle Cummings, their offering for \$40. This gift was the first one received at the church for the Annie Armstrong Offering, at the beginning of the Week of Prayer. Girls taking part in this were Candy Boyles, Patti Bennett, Mary Anne Cooper, Mary Elizabeth Robertson, Leslie Baker, Beth Williamson, Cindy Steelman, and Nancy Oliver. Mrs. R. W. Farish is their leader.



Uniform Lesson

Gifts That Build The Church

By Larry Kennedy, First, Laurel
I Cor. 14:1-5, 26-33

The letter was as follows:

Dear Mom and Dad:

I am sorry to be so long in writing to you, but all my writing paper was destroyed when the dormitory was burned down by the demonstrators. I am out of the hospital and the doctors say with a little luck I should regain my normal eyesight. The wonderful boy, Joe, who rescued me from the fire allowed me to live in his small apartment. He comes from a good family, and we are going to be married next week. I know that you always wanted to be grandparents, and the blessed event will take place next month.

Please disregard the above practice in English composition. There was no fire; I haven't been in the hospital; I am not pregnant; and I do not have a boy friend. However, I did get a "D" in French and an "F" in chemistry. And I wanted to be sure you received this news in proper perspective.

Love,
Larry

The theme of "tongues" is a subject that is difficult to keep in proper perspective. This was true for the Corinthian Church as recorded in 1 Corinthians 14, and it is true for us today. At one extreme, certain groups contend that speaking in tongues is the genuine proof that you have received the Holy Spirit. These folks see "tongues" as the sign of God's power in a life.

He asked to see me in private. As we talked, he told me that he had received the baptism of the Holy Spirit and was speaking in "tongues." As our conversation came to a close, he asked if he could pray for me in "tongues." Since I had never heard anyone pray or speak in tongues, I told him to feel free to do so.

I was expecting a highly emotional experience, but to my surprise he was quite subdued and his "unintelligible utterances" reminded me of an Indian dialect that I had heard many times in western movies. I thought, "This must be the way John Wayne felt when he was talking to Geronimo." When he had finished speaking in tongues, he did not offer an interpretation. Since I did not have the gift of interpretation, I

could only conclude that he had been "speaking into the air" (1 Cor. 14:9). The experience seemed to please him, and I assumed that he had been personally "edified" (1 Cor. 14:4).

My next experience with "tongues" was quite different. Within a large group, I heard hundreds of people speaking in "tongues" at the same time. (This surprised me because Paul condemned such a practice in 1 Cor. 14:27-28). The "unintelligible utterances" of that experience were so frightening, I could feel the hair on the back of my neck rising. It was the kind of sound you would expect to hear if you were meeting Count Dracula in the graveyard at midnight.

A young friend of mine was invited to attend a "tongues" fellowship. He was told that if he wanted to speak in "tongues" he simply needed to repeat certain vowel sounds with rapidity. He was led to believe that if he did this with intensity the Holy Spirit would take over his voice and his "utterances" would become "tongues." Other leading charismatics have recommended a similar procedure; however, it seems to me that such an idea is nothing more than self-hypnosis. If the above suggestions were true, we could all speak in "tongues" with sufficient practice.

A well known advocate of "tongues" has said that "tongues" is a secret prayer language which the devil does not understand. According to this view, the devil cannot hinder your prayers because he does not know what you are praying. The idea is very intriguing; however, there is not an ounce of Bible evidence to support such a view.

It should be observed that in 1 Corinthians Paul is trying to curb the abuse of "tongues." He lists "tongues" as the least important of the gifts (1 Cor. 12:9-18). The wise apostle makes it clear that "tongues" is not for everyone (1 Cor. 12:7-10). Unlike the "tongues" in Acts 2 which led to the conversion of three thousand people, the "tongues" at Corinth appears to have been a private prayer "language" (1 Cor. 14:14) which was not to be manifested before unbelievers because it would cause them to reject the gospel (1 Cor. 14:23).

The program notes tried to underplay the religious significance of the work, presented as it was as the Russian Orthodox prepared to celebrate Easter on April 22.

"The 'Messiah,'" said the text, "is a hymn to the people, not to the Lord. In fact, the people themselves become their own messiah."

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concern of the church (1 Cor. 14:3-4). Although Paul claimed to have spoken in "tongues" (1 Cor. 14:18) (was his "tongues" experience similar to that of the Apostles as recorded in Acts 2 which promoted evangelism, or was he referring to a private prayer language like that in Corinth?), he said, he would rather speak five words in a known language than 5000 words in "tongues" (1 Cor. 14:19).

The contemporary "tongues" experience is as divisive today as it was years ago at Corinth. A few churches seem to have been blessed by it; most have been cursed. If you are a Baptist and feel the need to speak in "tongues," you need to do one of two things: either find another church which stresses "tongues" as "the gift" and identify with it; or, go into your prayer closet and practice "tongues" as a personal thing between you and God. Don't try to make everyone over like yourself as the "tongues" folks at Corinth attempted to do.

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Devotional

From My Heart To Your Heart:

Opportunity To Share—With Family

By Bill Rittenhouse, Pastor, First, Tupelo

While pastoring in Georgia I was on my way to an evangelistic conference in Texas. The plane landed in New Orleans and since there would be a 30-minute wait, I decided to go to the terminal for a cup of coffee.

The first sign of Louisiana coffee is startling! When I tasted the coffee, I placed the cup back on the counter and went back to reboard the plane. (Excuse me, dark roast coffee lovers!)

As I approached the plane, I saw a gray-haired woman wearing a large corsage. Her arms loaded with packages, she was attempting to climb the steps. I quickly made my way to her side and assisted her. She asked if she could ride with me, and I consented.

"Who are you, and where are you from?" asked the gray-haired lady. "I'm a pastor in Atlanta, Georgia," I replied.

"A pastor!" she exclaimed. "Then you will appreciate my purpose for making this flight. I really don't like to fly because airplanes frighten me but I had to make this trip in spite of my age. I have to visit this family before God calls me home." She was 83 years old.

"You see," she explained, "many years ago I had a most unusual and profound experience in my life. I was a Sunday School teacher for a class of girls. In the very beginning I told them that I not only wanted to be their teacher, but if there was any other way I could be of service, I wanted them to let me know."

"Time went by, and one day as I busied myself with household chores, I heard a knock on the door. My hands

were in the dishwater and my day had already had many interruptions, so I tried to ignore the knock. Again it came. This time it was a little louder and much more persistent.

"I'll just answer it quickly and let whoever it is know how busy I am," I thought to myself.

"I opened the door and saw a little girl standing there. Her hair was uncombed, her dress was dirty and torn and she had no shoes on her feet."

"What is it?" I asked rather peevishly. She just stood there and looked at me with big brown eyes. I realized I had spoken rather sharply to her, and by this time I recognized her as one of the girls who had occasionally attended my class. I softened my tone, "Honey, I'm very busy, but is there something I can do for you?"

"Mrs. Lern... I know you love me," she said in a very soft voice. "My mother died an hour ago and I've come over to let you cry with me."

The gray-haired woman was almost weeping as she recalled the scene. "You know what I did?" she continued, "I took that little girl into my arms and into my home. I combed her hair and washed her face, and I sat down and cried with her. Now she has a family of her own and I'm looking forward to my visit with her."

How easy it is to make statements of concern and then become so busy that we miss our opportunities!

THIS IS THE TRUTH OF THE SCRIPTURES THAT I LIKE:

"I was hungry and you fed me..." (Matthew 25:35).

"Inasmuch as you have done it..." (Matthew 25:40).

TO LIFE WE CAN SAY:

"Lord, don't ever let me get so busy that I ignore a knock on the door. It may be an opportunity."

Senior Adults Reactivate The Library At First, Picayune

More than a hundred senior adults participated in one or more events during observance of Senior Adult Week at First Church, Picayune, April 1-8, according to Mrs. J. D. Stoudenmire who submitted the report for the church.

Senior adults a year ago undertook

Building Fund Day at Wayside

Church, Scobey, was April 29. William P. Smith, III, a former pastor at Wayside, was guest speaker at the morning service. Dinner was served on the grounds and an afternoon song service was held. Wayside's history was read.

The theme for the day was "Move Forward in Faith." All offerings were to go to the building fund for a new pastorium. Darrell Briscoe is the interim pastor.

Red Banks Church will erect

the task of reactivating the church library which had been discontinued several years previously. The dedication of the Media Center on April 8 marked the successful conclusion of this year-long project of the senior adult group.

Other activities of the week included a special program at the public library on Consumer Education, conducted by the local AARP Chapter; the regular Keenager luncheon; a trip to Zemur-

ray Gardens in Louisiana and the Strawberry Festival at Bogalusa.

As a surprise feature of the regular Wednesday evening activities, the church hostess served a meal planned especially for senior adults. The church staff had arranged for posters recognizing the honorees, and appropriate remarks were made by pastor William T. Pruitt.

Original Bell

erection of the church's original bell at 1:30 p.m. and the showing of the film, "The Burning Hell."

Music is the universal language, which appeals to the universal heart of mankind. — George P. Upton

Life and Work Lesson

By Joe McKeever,
First, Columbus

I Kings 22

Remember the bad joke about the angel who brought good news and bad news? "The good news is you're going to heaven and you will play on the most beautiful golf course in the universe. The bad news is you're going tonight."

That's how it was with King Ahab, the weak-evil ruler of Israel. When he repented of his sin, God promised that the kingdom would not leave his lineage until his death. And now, in the very next chapter, God plots his death!

Actually I Kings 22 has to be ranked as one of the funniest chapters in the Bible. You can almost hear the laugh track as its "stars" utter their lines. Even the prophet gets into the act.

Act I (I Kings 22:1-12)

The scene opens with King Ahab and King Jehoshaphat plotting to defeat the pesky Syrians. Everything seems in order, except Jehoshaphat wants God's blessing on the undertaking.

No problem there. Ahab is well equipped. He has a stable of four hundred spiritual yes-men on the company payroll, ready to commit God to a victory. So the question is put to them: Immediately, they all agree: "Go up, for the Lord will give it to you."

Something about that didn't ring quite right with Jehoshaphat. Was it that they were a little too quick on the draw, with an answer too pat? They didn't even bother to ask the Lord if He had an opinion.

Jehoshaphat did what any self-respecting victim would do: he asked for a second opinion. "Isn't there another prophet of the Lord whom we may ask?"

Well, there was — but Ahab didn't care to patronize his place of business. "I hate this fellow Micaiah," he said, "for he only prophesies bad concerning me." Now Ahab wasn't paranoid — it was the honest truth! For what else could he expect once he had set his course contrary to God?

So while a runner goes for the prophet, a creative false prophet by the name of Zedekiah fashioned horns of iron and presented them to Ahab. "The Lord says you shall gore Syria to death," he lied.

This scene closes with a chorus line. All the prophets chime in and sing the same tune: "Go on and fight; the Lord will give you victory."

Act II (I Kings 22:13-28)

The messenger found Micaiah the prophet.

As they returned to the

palace, he told the man of God what was happening.

"He concluded,